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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and cite the following references in the above-identified application.

All of the references, Nos. 1-4, were cited in the International Search Report mailed on 8 June 1999 from the Japanese Patent Office, copy enclosed, in the International Stage of the application.

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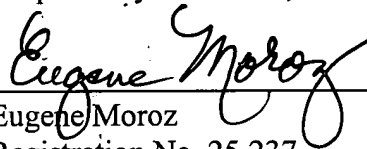
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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-505610 published June 18, 1996.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-510031 published November 10, 1994.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-504784 published May 21, 1996.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 63-146826 published June 18, 1988.

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